

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims, as follows:

Claim 1(original) A marking or engraving means applied over the external surface of meats in general and resulting product, in which the marking or engraving means (1), automated (A) or manual, engrave (4) in low or high relief over at least one of the external surfaces (S) of meat (2) of any kind, in any physical state and at any temperature, coming or not from preparing stages (E).

Claim 2 (original) The marking or engraving means according to claim 1, in which the equipment (A) are provided with devices (3) producing calories or rays with appropriate intensity, regulated preferably by PLC, with or without sensor monitoring (R) to recognize the kind of meat to be marked, its texture and grammage, besides controlling printing tones, shapes, statements, figures and further information, forming engravings (4) in low or high relief.

Claim 3 (currently amended):The marking or engraving means according to claim 1, in which marking or printing can be done by means of devices (3) applying laser rays, which wavelengths are obtained by different components (~~gas, crystal, liquid, chemical reaction, etc.~~), being said rays previously regulated by PLC programmable logic control.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The marking or engraving means according to claim 1, in which the marking or engraving means comprise ~~can be made by~~ devices (3) ~~such as~~ having a hyper-heated metal head by means of resistance's or equivalent, with the production of calories regulated to mark the meat (2) surface (S) as soon as getting close

or touching it, engraving (4) in low or high relief.

Claims 5 - 11 (canceled).